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"I am sorry that you do not wear a flag every day and I can only ask you if you lose the physical emblem to be sure that you wear it IN YOUR HEART; the heart of America shall interpret the heart of the world."—President Wilson.



NOTES AND COMMENTS

Oregon's food commissioners have induced the bakers of Portland to reduce the price of pound loaves of bread to 9c and one and a half-pound loaves to 13c. Bakers in other towns are expected to follow suit. Now if Messrs. Ayer and Newell will induce the hens and pullets to go to work, life will not be so gloomy to those of us who are paying 4c per pound for chicken feed.

If in each home in the U. S. there is saved 1 oz. of meat each day, in a year we save 465,000,000 pounds. One slice of bread saved daily saves 365,000,000 loaves annually. One pat of butter less a day means 114,000,000 pounds a year saved. A half cup of milk less a day saves 912,000,000 quarts of milk, or the product of 400,000 cows. These figures prove that it behooves us to Hooverize.

To show her appreciation for America's aid during her troubled days, Belgium has turned over to General Pershing 600 railroad locomotives, to be used as the general sees fit. Some of these days Mr. Hindenberg will turn over to General Pershing one badly bent and utterly useless "impregnable line," to be used as Pershing thinks best. The Express suggests the line be used to hang Bill Hohenzollern to a sour apple tree.

Did you ever hear about the two wealthy Iowa farmers who went broke over the ownership of a calf worth about six dollars? Well, that story is brought to the writer's mind by the report that the sewer lawsuit is costing better than \$200 a day; that it will last four to six weeks and that the sewer could have been made serviceable for less than \$1,500. Somebody—either the taxpayers of Forest Grove or the Elliott Construction company—is going to pay dearly for this lawsuit—and the lawyers will get the calf.

The combination of sharks who make big fortunes by making very poor news print paper have admitted that they have unlawfully

boosted prices and some of them have been fined, but what do they care for a thousand-dollar fine when they have practically stolen millions. Jail's the thing, my countrymen!

Among the numerous dreams which his kaisership entertained about three years ago was one in which he saw a revision of an old and well known song which would make it read, "All hail the power of Wilhelm's name, let freemen prostrate fall; Bring forth the Prussian diadem, and crown him Lord of all." Had this dream come true, instead of proving only a nightmare, he no doubt would have been ready to dissolve partnership with the Almighty to go it alone. Any person who believes that the world is dealing with any other kind of a monstrous egotist had better scan the record again.

PLEASE REMEMBER THIS!

People who have telephonic business with either the Great Northern or Wells Fargo express companies should call by number, instead of asking "Central" for "the Express office." About half of those who ask for "the Express office," get the Forest Grove Express (newspaper) office, to the annoyance of themselves, the telephone girls and the printers. The numbers were placed in the telephone directory to be used. Here they are: Forest Grove Express (newspaper), 821; Wells Fargo Express (S. P. depot) 842; Great Northern Express (Oregon Electric depot), 921. Why not write these numbers on a card and stick them on your phone?

Mrs. M. A. Armentrout, who is asking for a divorce from her husband, who, she says, deserted her two and a half years ago, thinks it comes with poor grace for a certain newspaper to say she wants a divorce "from her aged husband." She says he wasn't so "aged" but he was able to get up and leave her to earn her own living.

Job printing—phone 821.

JINGLE NEWS

The signs begin to multiply
That Christmas waxeth nearer;
The price of smoking jackets soars,
And Romeos grow dearer.
The store ads count the days that now
Are haply left for shopping,
And little boys,
Their minds on toys,
Broad hints are deftly dropping.
The gladsome Yule of other years
We tenderly remember;
When thoughts of gifts and wholesome cheer
Transformed the drear December.
The sullen skies were lighted up
By rosy faces shining,
And every cloud
With love endowed
A burnished silver lining.

This year, somehow, it's not the same;
More somber are the faces,
And everywhere throughout the land
Are empty, vacant places.
Blue stars, set in a field of red
Are absent ones proclaiming:
On Europe's plains
Our manhood strains
For Liberty's reclaiming.
We sadly fear that old St. Nick
Must travel in a biplane,
Or by some other modern mode
That knows no hoofs or checkrein;
We shudder when we stop to think
What evil might befall him,
If he should stray
To Belgium, say,
And Hunnish power enthral him.
He'd need a mitrailleuse, at least,
With guns at every angle
Before he'd dare to give his bells
A surreptitious jangle,
Or hand a ragged baby doll
To orphaned chickaddies;
That is no place
To send His Grace,
The Patron Saint of Kiddies.
—Oregon Voter.

Inferior Formaldehyde Found on Market

Corvallis, Ore., Dec. 12.—Adulterated formaldehyde is being sold in Oregon markets. Formaldehyde, or formalin, is universally employed as a disinfectant, is the most effective agent for destroying smut pores in grain, and is a general gaseous fumigant. The adulteration endangers its effectiveness unless its real strength is known and used as the basis of treatment.

For practical purposes formaldehyde may be obtained from local druggists in a 35 to 40 percent water solution. This solution is then diluted with water to the strength best adapted to the intended use. Until so diluted and used it should be kept in tightly stoppered bottles or jugs in a cool place.

Recently several samples have been sent to the department of Agricultural Chemistry at the O. A. C. Experiment Station to have the strength determined. Analysis by Professor R. H. Robinson showed that the samples contained from 17 to 24 percent formaldehyde, although branded as 40 percent strength. They are not up to the standard, and are either of inferior manufacture or else diluted.

In order to protect the farmer and get a line on the material being sold, the department will test samples sent in by citizens of Oregon provided they are taken as directed and accompanied by the following data:

Name and address of the firm from which the formaldehyde was obtained, and date of purchase; send in tightly stoppered four ounce bottle that has been washed and thoroughly dried; samples not left for any length of time exposed to open air; send by prepaid express to Agricultural Chemistry Department Station, Science Hall, Corvallis, Oregon.

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Help in the Fight Against Tuberculosis

Under the leadership of Mrs. C. E. Walker, Washington county secretary for the Oregon Association for the Prevention of



Tuberculosis, dozens of the good women of this county are selling Red Cross Christmas Seals to raise funds to combat the "white plague." While the seals cost but one cent each, the women of Oregon hope to sell \$10,000.00 worth, the proceeds to be used in Oregon.

Don't send away a letter or a package without affixing one or more of these seals. If the can-

vassers fail to find you, call at the Express office, where you can buy from 1 to 100.

Teacher's Examination

Teacher's examination will be held in Hillsboro, Dec. 19, 20, 21 and 22, 1917.

- Wednesday A. M.—U. S. History, Writing, Music, Drawing.
- Wednesday P. M.—Physiology, Reading, Manual Training, Composition, Domestic Science, Methods in Reading, Course of Study for Drawing, Methods in Arithmetic.
- Thursday A. M.—Arithmetic, History of Education, Psychology, Methods in Geography, Mechanical Drawing, Domestic Art, Course of Study for Domestic Art.
- Thursday P. M.—Grammar, Geography, Stenography, American Literature, Physics, Typewriting, Methods in Language, Thesis for Primary Certificate.
- Friday A. M.—Theory and Practice, Orthography, Physical Geography, English Literature, Chemistry, Physical Culture.
- Friday P. M.—School Law, Geology, Algebra, Civil Government.
- Saturday A. M.—Geometry, Botany.
- Saturday P. M.—General History, Book Keeping.

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